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Addendum

91/__. Role of the United Nations Development Programme in African economic recovery and development

The Governing Council,

Recalling the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, adopted by the General Assembly on 1 June 1986 (S-13/2, annex), and Governing Council decision 86/27 of 27 June 1986,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 45/178 A of 19 December 1990,

Noting the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Noting the efforts at regional economic integration, in particular the recent decision to establish the African Economic Community, adopted on 1 June 1991 by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-seventh ordinary session, held at Abuja,

Recalling further Governing Council decisions 89/31 of 30 June 1989 and 90/29 of 22 June 1990 requesting the United Nations Development Programme to undertake evaluations of the Social Dimensions of Adjustment project, national technical cooperation assessments and programmes and United Nations Development Programme assistance to intergovernmental organizations in Africa,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's reports contained in documents DP/1991/16 and DP/1991/17;

2. Requests the Administrator, in close consultation with Governments, to ensure that the planned subregional cluster meetings in July 1991 focus on issues of relevance to African long-term development, in particular the enhancement and strengthening of the process of regional economic cooperation and integration in Africa;

3. Decides that future subregional meetings to be organized by the United Nations Development Programme should utilize the existing subregional economic groups, instead of ad hoc cluster meetings;

4. Further requests the Administrator to strengthen the role of the United Nations Development Programme in providing and mobilizing assistance to African countries in support of long-term development in the region taking into account the outcome of the final review of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;

5. Requests the Administrator to assist African Governments and subregional economic groupings, at their request, to enable the preparation of long-term perspective studies for socio-economic development, taking due account of existing studies;

6. Requests the Administrator, in consultation with the African Capacity-Building Foundation, to assist African countries, at their request, to build policy analysis and implementation capacities in the African countries with a view to enhancing the use of all available expertise;

7. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide assistance to intergovernmental organizations in Africa, and for the implementation of national technical cooperation assessments and programmes, Social Dimensions of Adjustment projects, and the Structural Adjustment Advisory Teams for Africa programme, taking into account their evaluation reports;

8. Further requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992) on the implementation of the present decision.